

## News briefs

### New vice wing commander

Col. Thomas Groznik has been named the new 52nd Fighter Wing vice commander. Groznik is currently the chief of staff and U.S. senior national representative for Air North, in Kalkar, Germany. Additionally, he is an A-10 pilot and will fly with the 81st Fighter Squadron.

Groznik's report date is to be determined, but should be in late June or early July.

### Moment of remembrance

**WASHINGTON --** The Air Force, along with the entire Department of Defense and the nation, will participate in the second annual National Moment of Remembrance Monday.

The observance was established by Congress in December 2000, and the theme this year is "One Nation, One Moment."

To participate, Americans in each time zone around the world should stop at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day to reflect on its meaning, according to Brig. Gen. Ron Rand, director of Air Force Public Affairs.

"This is a great opportunity for us to recognize those who have made the ultimate sacrifice," Rand said. "Participation can mean taking a minute as an individual or as a group to reflect and honor those who have died for our freedom."

The idea for the moment was born in 1996 when children touring Washington, D.C., were asked what Memorial Day meant, responding that it was the day the pools opened.

### Community Bank hours

Because of holidays, the Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex Community Banks will be closed Thursday.

### Block party

The JAM! Council, in coordination with Extreme Summer, hosts a block party June 1 from 4-11 p.m. at the common area between dorms 227, 333 and 336.

Some of the activities include a barbecue, wacky dance contest, frozen T-shirt contest, "Hot Shot" basketball and sumo wrestling.

A disc jockey will play music throughout the evening. Participate to win some prizes, courtesy of the services squadron and other sponsors.

People can also earn Extreme Summer points, which qualifies participants for additional prizes like a trip to Disney World in Florida, or a Skycruise along the Alps.

The block party is open to the entire community. For details, call Al Cannon at 452-

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Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

### Last visit

**Master Sgt. Gary Allen (third from left), 52nd Logistics Group quality assurance, briefs Maj. Gen. Kenneth Hess, 3rd Air Force commander; about an engine magnetic chip detector inspection. Also listening to the briefing are Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Teasdale, 23rd Fighter Squadron; Col. Daniel Lombardi, 3rd AF chief of logistics division; and Tech. Sgt. Paul Gibson, 52nd LG/QA. This was Hess' last visit to Spangdahlem AB as 3rd AF commander. He leaves in June to become the commander of the Air Force Safety Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. Maj. Gen. Michael W. Wooley, currently commander of the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., will be the new commander.**

## Spangdahlem remembers sacrifices

### Memorial Day serves as reminder of former wing members who've made ultimate sacrifice

**By 2nd Lt. Margaret Van Curler**  
52nd Logistics Support Squadron

Since Memorial Day is Monday, Spangdahlem Air Base pays honor today at 2 p.m. in front of the Airman's Memorial.

To some, Memorial Day is just another opportunity to be off of work. To many more, it is a time to stop and reflect. Although Spangdahlem AB and the Air Force are young compared to many other military counterparts, there's still a lot to reflect upon.

On Sept. 15, 1989, the Spangdahlem Airman's Memorial was dedicated in honor of those who "gave their tomorrows for our freedom today."

The wall currently lists the 30 men and women who gave their lives while stationed at Spangdahlem AB.

■ March 14, 1972 - Maj. Rex M. Stewart, 1st Lt. Robert O. Ward, Capt. Robert L. Morris and 1st Lt. Daniel W. Whipps - F-4D fighters crashed into a 2,000-foot-high mesa near Zaragoza Air Base, Spain.

■ Oct. 7, 1974 - Capt. George D. Ringhoffer and Capt. Steven F. Morehouse - F-4D crashed in northern Germany, near the town of Jollenbeck.

■ Nov. 15, 1976 - Maj. Gerald E. Detweiler and 1st Lt. Martin G. Miller - F-4D fighter crashed into a wooded area two miles from Spangdahlem AB.

■ July 6, 1977 - Capt. Kenneth R. Dolan - F-4D aircraft exploded over the North Sea while doing maneuvers.

■ Sept. 20, 1977 - Maj. John M. Wertz - F-4D impacted a tree in southeastern Germany.

■ Nov. 16, 1977 - Col. Richard E. Skelton - Landed aircraft on the Spangdahlem runway and had a sudden heart attack.

■ April 4, 1978 - Capts. Ralph E. Bower and Gregory C.

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## '101 Critical Days of Summer' safety campaign kicks off this weekend

### People reminded to keep it safe during busy summer months

**By Master Sgt. Scott Livingston**  
52nd Fighter Wing Safety Office

This weekend kicks off the 52nd Fighter Wing "101 Critical Days of Summer" Campaign. The Saturday before Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend is

notoriously risky as people spend more time on the road and enjoy summer activities.

The Air Force lost 19 members during this time in 2001. However, the same year, for the first time in U.S. Air Forces in Europe history, there were no summer fatalities in the command.

Is this a sign that things are being done more safely? Absolutely, but some would argue the command was just lucky.

Regardless of the fact Air Force fatality rates have continued to decline over the years, luck does play a part. The difference between a minor vehicle accident and a fatality can be a matter of inches. Most people make his or her own luck by reducing the risk of being in an accident to begin with.

This summer's outlook plans to be another busy one here, which may

encourage some people to cut corners and take risks. Use good judgment to make it safely through the summer on- and off-duty. At all costs, avoid over-doing the alcohol and don't drive even after one drink.

Eifel community members may be aware there have already been 17 drinking and driving incidents this year. At this rate, the wing is headed toward breaking the 2001

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# Quality of life, education, travel draw re-enlistments

*AFN broadcaster; dispatcher; A-10 crew chief tell 105.1 FM why they agreed to serve four more*

**By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey**  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

When Staff Sgt. Adam Montoya and his wife, Stephanie, first arrived at Spangdahlem Air Base two years ago, they were unsure what lie ahead. Stephanie was expecting their first child and Germany was a long flight from their hometown in Questa, N.M.

However, within days the couple's anxieties melted away as Eifel military community members made them feel welcome.

Before long, Stephanie gave birth to a healthy boy for only about \$45 (cost of military hospital meals and other incidentals), Adam started taking classes toward his associate's degree and the couple began exploring castles and other European sights with their son.

"Our time in the military has been wonderful so far," said Stephanie.

Life in the Air Force has also been good for Staff Sgt. Francis Sanders and Tech. Sgt. Sandra Brown. That's why Montoya, Sanders and Brown recently committed to serve another four years. Each also agreed to conduct their re-enlistment on the Eifel 105.1 Morning Show May 10 with Col. Greg Ihde, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, reading the enlistment oath in the studio. Montoya vowed for his first re-enlistment, Sanders promised to serve another four beyond his 10-year mark and Brown agreed to serve to retirement.

"Commanders often have to deal with the unpleasant, so conducting re-enlistments are definitely a bonus," Ihde said to Staff Sgt. Chris Eder, the Morning Show announcer.



Left to right, Tech. Sgt. Sandra Brown, Detachment 9, Air Force News broadcaster; Staff Sgt. Adam Montoya, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight dispatcher; Staff Sgt. Francis Sanders, 81st Fighter Squadron crew chief; and Senior Master Sgt. Deno Mackin, Spangdahlem Air Base career assistance adviser, speak about their Air Force careers on the AFN 105.1 FM Morning Show May 10. Brown, Montoya and Sanders were re-enlisted "live" by Col. Greg Ihde, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, on the show as a first-termer, second-termer and career airman.

"It's a pleasant event because (re-enlistees) are interested in the Air Force, staying in and serving their country."

At age 18, when many people join, the oath often doesn't mean as much, but after people stay in a while they come to know what it means to serve their country, protect the Constitution and the freedoms for which the United States stands, explained the commander.

In 1993, Brown said she found out what protecting freedoms means to people in countries where personal freedom and quality of life has wavered in the balance. When the Soviet Union dissolved into separate republics about 10 years ago, 70

years of socialism resulted in poverty and hunger and the United States initiated Operation Provide Hope.

While covering operation efforts as an AFN broadcast reporter, an Armenian woman offered Brown and the airmen unloading a pallet a sandwich.

"There she was in tattered clothing with her three children, but they were just so happy we were there to help them," Brown said.

World travel and experiencing other cultures is one of several benefits Sanders believes the Air Force offers. He has also taken advantage of Air Force tuition assistance to earn two bachelor's degrees and is pursuing an Air Force commission. In

addition to programs designed to promote personal growth, Sanders said he values the Air Force's professional development benefits.

"From the beginning of my career, there was always the potential for promotion and leadership positions if I wanted them," said the 81st Fighter Squadron crew chief. "Within two to four years on the flightline, a sharp troop can be in charge of multimillion-dollar aircraft. In the civilian world it's just not done. It would take at least 10 years working for the same company before they'd let me have that level of responsibility."

Money and other such benefits the Air Force offers are obvious draws for new members and is a convincing factor for airmen to re-enlist. However, Senior Master Sgt. Deno Mackin, Spangdahlem Air Base career assistance adviser, said he believes the Air Force's intangible benefits hold as much weight in an airman's decision to stay or go.

"In the service you have the opportunity for responsibility, leadership positions and good jobs that just aren't available to people in the civilian world with a limited education or without costly technical training," he said.

During the re-enlistees' combined 30 years in the military, Montoya, Sanders and Brown said their time in the service hasn't all been golden.

Each said they've experienced their share of long workdays in under-manned units because of high operations tempos. Each has felt the loneliness of family separation, but overall, they agreed the time they have served has been worthwhile.

"There's definitely more good than bad - definitely," Brown said.

## At a crossroad?

For more Air Force career information, call Mackin at 452-6071.

## Memorial

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Torres - F-4D fighter crashed in southeast Germany.

■Nov. 17, 1978 - Maj. Charles R. Koster - F-4D crashed into the Mediterranean Sea off the southern coast of Turkey.

■March 13, 1980 - Capt. Brad A. Logan and Maj. George M. Bourque - F-4G crashed at the peak of 7,600-foot Mount Moncayo, 36 miles west of Zaragoza AB, Spain.

■March 24, 1980 - Capt. Wayne R. Larson and Daniel P. Haba - F-4E crashed near Sembach, Germany.

■March 23, 1981 - Maj. Douglas R. Withers Jr. and Capt. William D. Alcorn - F-4E crashed near Gerolfigen, Germany.

■June 16, 1982 - Maj. Henry Allen Jr. and Maj. Werner Ziehmman - F-4G crashed 35 miles west of Bremen, Germany.

■Nov. 8, 1982 - Lt. Col. Gerald R.

Linn and Capt. Daniel K. Raichlen - F-4G crashed during a low-level training mission in northern Germany.

■May 20, 1987 - Maj. Michael C. Naum and 1st Lt. William T. Rogers - F-4E crashed outside of Spain.

■Nov. 28, 1987 - Airman 1st Class Donna McLaughlin - Equipment maintenance squadron worker pinned between a welding unit and tow vehicle.

■Nov. 8, 1993 - Capt. John M. Barelka - F-16 crashed at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., while TDY attending the Air Force Fighter Weapons School.

■May 30, 1995 - Maj. Donald G. Lowry Jr. - F-15C crashed at Spangdahlem Air Base shortly after takeoff.

■March 20, 2002 - Capt. Luke A. Johnson - F-16CJ crashed in a wooded area two miles northeast of Spangdahlem Air Base while on a night mission.



Tech. Sgt. Bonnie A. White

## Can I see your ID?

Ryan Bliss, left, son of Master Sgt. Brad Bliss, 52nd Security Forces Squadron force protection NCOIC, makes a SPIKE identification card for Amrine Parker. SPIKE cards are identification for children 9 and under in Europe. The card comes with instructions on the back in case a child gets lost. Ryan, who is going for his Eagle Scout rank in Boy Scouts, organized the ID card booth for the Spangdahlem Elementary School bazaar last weekend as his community service project.



## Accidents

By John Keeler

52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

Twenty Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, two of which were major.

The first major accident happened on L-46 near Oberkail. An airman traveling northbound attempted to make a left hand turn onto L-35 while crossing the path of a southbound local national, causing a head-on collision.

After initial impact, the vehicles hit a third vehicle, also driven by a local national. The southbound vehicle's driver complained of chest pains, and was later taken to the emergency room for an evaluation. The first two vehicles were totaled. The third vehicle had minor damage to the rear quarter panel.

The second major accident also occurred in the vicinity of Oberkail on L-35. An airman swerved to avoid hitting a small animal, slid off the road and hit a tree.

He was taken to the Bitburg Annex Emergency Room where he was treated for shoulder and back injuries. The vehicle, which was towed from the scene, had damage to the driver-side fender, hood and quarter panel.

The 18 minor accidents involved:

- Four from backing.
- Nine from inattentive driving.
- Three parking lot related.
- Two fleeing the scene.

In addition, 21 citations were issued.

### Report all accidents

This information is provided because of a recent charge an airman faced for fleeing the scene of an accident and driving under the influence. The following excerpt is from U.S. Army Europe Regulation 190-1. It identifies the harsh consequences the airman faces for not reporting an accident to the appropriate authorities.

“Administration of chemical tests may be delayed following a privately-owned vehicle accident or offense. When administered, the results of the tests will be considered valid under this publication despite the delay.

“For example, if someone drinks an alcoholic beverage after an accident but before administration of a chemical test, the results of the test will be used for purposes of suspension or revocation. German civil authorities may forcibly administer chemical tests according to their laws.”

The case in the scenario above is not an isolated incident. Many people choose not to report accidents to the appropriate authorities and face the consequences for their actions.

The license suspension for fleeing the scene is 180 days and the administrative charge for DUI is an automatic one-year revocation. The combined revocation is an accumulative one and a half years without the ability to drive.

Accidents on base must be immediately reported to the security forces. Accidents off base must be reported to the security forces and German Polizei.

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USAFE record of 56 driving under the influence charges -- which was set by Spangdahlem Air Base.

Two of the base's more recent vehicle accidents involved alcohol. The Air Force people involved were incapable of making sound risk-management decisions because of alcohol-induced impairment. Unfortunately, it cost their lives.

Drive safely. Vehicle accidents have cost 23 USAFE lives since 1997. That's 87 percent of command fatalities. Drive defensively, adhere to posted speed limits and don't take unnecessary risks.

The wing's annual “Battle of the Groups” competition and “Children's Safety Camp” only increase awareness — they don't prevent accidents and deaths. Only individuals can do that. Wing officials want everyone to have a great, safe summer with family and friends.

## AAFES toughens stance in fight against shoplifting

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service can start demanding more compensation from those caught shoplifting thanks to a program written into the fiscal 2002 defense budget.

The Civil Recovery Act, which went into effect March 1 at Eifel-region and other base exchanges worldwide, allows AAFES to collect a flat administrative cost of \$200 in addition to the value of the shoplifted items from those caught shoplifting in an AAFES store.

The \$200 is meant to offset the expenses the service incurs because of shoplifting, according to a recent AAFES news release.

Military exchanges spend millions of dollars each year to foil shoplifters, including measures to deter and detect thefts. AAFES catches more than 11,000 shoplifters worldwide each year. In 2001, Eifel-region exchanges detained 55 shoplifters.

“Shoplifting isn't a crime that's limited to one group of people,” said Brian Gonzales, local AAFES safety and security manager. Exchange service loss prevention associates worldwide have detained people of various ages and ranks, including officers, retirees and military family members.

The new program holds sponsors responsible for their family members' actions. Parents of minors caught shoplifting will be liable for the costs, AAFES officials explained.

The administrative charge is separate, and does not dismiss shoplifters from criminal prosecution or military disciplinary action.

“The civil recovery program is a valuable tool available to AAFES to pursue recovery from actual losses and administrative costs directly relating to shoplifting,” Gonzalez said.

However, the program isn't new. Until the program existed on a federal level, officials used state civil recovery programs, which proved to be a successful theft deterrent, Gonzalez explained. (Courtesy of U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

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6466, or Tera Shultz or Jake Jacobs at 452-7381.

### Job fair

People interested in finding a job can attend a family support center-sponsored job fair Wednesday from 2-5 p.m. at the Spang Club. Attendees should take their resume since some employers will hire on the spot.

For more information, call the human resources office at 452-6397.

### Give parents a break

In 2001, the Air Force Aid Society provided more than \$700,000 to support the Give Parents a Break Program.

To continue the program, AFAS will work with the Air Force child care community and the family support center to better meet the needs of the base in 2003.

The goal is to offer a more cost effective program that enables AFAS to continue to help Air Force families dealing with the stresses of military life.

Beginning in June, bases will be allowed to hold the program once a month on a Friday night or Saturday for no more than 6 hours. The monthly session will not be held unless there are eight children registered.

To be sure those who have the most need are able to use this program, certificates should be given based on need and not viewed as an automatic entitlement available on a repetitive basis.

Those eligible to use the program include parents:

■Whose spouse is deployed.

■Whose spouse is on extended TDY.

■Who have been experiencing a family crisis such as a birth of a baby, serious illness of a family member, death in the family, extended illness of a family member.

■Whose spouse has been required to work extensive extended shifts.

Parents who are on PCS orders are eligible to use the “Child Care for PCS Program” rather than this program. Families should be referred to the family support center relocation office for the Child Care for PCS certificate.

### AAFES air conditioning

Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities will activate their air conditioning systems as weather becomes warmer. AAFES has invested more than \$10 million in air conditioning for overseas facilities to improve the quality of life for its patrons and employees.

### Articles 15

The following Articles 15 were omitted from the May 17 issue of the Eifel Times.

■An airman first class violated Article 112 by using marijuana. The commander imposed a reduction to airman basic, a suspended fine of \$100 per month for two months and a reprimand. The airman was administratively discharged from the Air Force.

■An airman first class violated Article 112 by using marijuana. The commander imposed a reduction to airman and a reprimand. The airman is being processed for administrative discharge from the Air Force.

■An airman first class violated Article 92 by failing to report drug abuse by other members and Article 134 for drunk and disorderly. The commander imposed a reduction to airman and a suspended fine of \$100 per month for two months.

### Heat turn-off policy

The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron started turning off heat to base facilities Tuesday. The process started by turning off heat to offices and industrial facilities followed by military and government-leased housing, dormitories, lodging and schools.

The procedure used to determine the turn off date takes into account mission requirements, quality of life and energy conservation. In accordance with base policy, civil engineers begin tracking daily temperatures May 1. Once the average daily temperature exceeded 55 degrees for five consecutive days, civil engineers requested base leadership's approval to begin the shut-down process.

Heat is provided year-round to priority facilities such as the hospital, dental clinic, child development centers and to facilities where environmental controlled conditions are required for mission accomplishment.

For question or concerns on the heating policy, call Senior Master Sgt. Frazier Speaks at 452-6960.





Above: Honor guard members are authorized to wear the honor guard patch, which displays their motto "to honor with dignity."

Right: Staff Sgt. Yvonne Nollmann and Airman 1st Class Adam Sotak check trainees' hand placement during drill with the M-1 rifle.



## Honor guard looking for Spangdahlem's best

# Rewarding experience awaits those who step forward

Story and photos by 2nd Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

It's a way to show what you are made of. It's not all about war ... it's about honor and respect. These words sum up Tech. Sgt. Malik Sultan's philosophy behind one of the most meaningful duties in which service members can partake.

A towering figure clad in starched BDUs and spit-shined boots, Sultan takes great pride in serving as the NCOIC of the Spangdahlem Honor Guard.

"When people see us perform it gives new meaning to what the Air Force is about," said Sultan.

With nine years of honor guard experience under his belt, Sultan is passionate about his team and its contributions to the base and surrounding communities. Whether presenting the colors at a retirement ceremony, performing rifle drill or firing a 21-gun salute, the honor guard is in high demand around base and neighboring European countries. The demand for their services requires they be well staffed at all times.

The honor guard looks for volunteers from across base to fulfill its' wide range of commitments. Due to members departing Spangdahlem Air Base on TDY or PCS orders, the honor guard is in constant need of motivated airmen and NCOs.

Experience is a plus but not required, according to Sultan. The honor guard's veteran training cadre instructs new recruits using the latest procedures from the Air Force Honor Guard at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. Trainees are enrolled in a 90-day training program designed to meet the most urgent needs of the honor guard first.

"The biggest thing we get the new trainees familiarized with is posting and retiring of the colors because that's the predominant thing we do here," said Sultan, NCOIC of base power production from the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron.

"We get them used to movements with and without the weapons. Our main emphasis with new trainees is to get them used to handling the weapon, work on cadence and get them used to working as a team. Once they are confident with those procedures, they can be certified at any time they feel they are good enough. Certification is just when they have to perform all the movements in front of everybody in the guard. This puts a little pressure on them to ensure they can handle it," explained Sultan.

Once trainees know the basic movements needed to post and retire the colors, they are assigned to an operational



Tech. Sgt. Malik Sultan, carrying the U.S. flag, and other color guard members perform at a recent retirement ceremony at Spangdahlem Air Base.

element. It is at this point that trainees can plunge into their first ceremony performance or "detail." First details can be a challenging experience, explained Airman 1st Class Adam Sotak, 52nd Component Repair Squadron aerospace propulsion technician.

"My most memorable detail was my first detail, a Stripes ceremony," recalled Sotak. "My legs were shaking. I was trying to stand at attention and focus on standing straight so everything looked perfect, but for some reason everything started shaking. First one leg started shaking, then I cut that off, but then my arms started shaking. I just hope no one noticed."

"The detail that got me over everything was one we did in Belgium. We did a drill exhibition in front of 3,000 people. After that I wasn't scared of anything. It was all downhill from there."

With initial training and perhaps first details out of the way, new people continue learning other functions of the honor guard such as flag folding and rendering honors during military funerals.

"It's not that we look forward to funerals, but that's (part of) what the honor guard is about," said Sotak.

Overseas bases don't have the number of funerals as their stateside counterparts; however, they happen sometimes due to military members staying in country after retirement. Honor guard members must therefore be trained and ready for funerals at a moment's notice. But until funeral requests come in, members stay busy by fulfilling on-base details as well as some in neighboring countries.

"We decided to solicit the guard for ceremonies off-

base," said Sultan. "The first one we did was for the American Cemetery in Luxembourg. There we caught the eye of the defense attaché and the U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg. Now within a matter of a year we've been called to Luxembourg to do the World War II commemorative ceremony and other ceremonies at the cemetery. We also do drill exhibitions in other countries. We just got a call to do an exhibition in the French Riviera."

The opportunity to represent the Air Force and perform in front of a wide-range of audiences, large and small, is one of the most gratifying elements of serving in the honor guard, according to its members.

"The biggest reward I've had is the flawless drill exhibition we did at the last Air Force Ball," recalled Sultan. "When you perform flawlessly it feels like everything you've put into it is worth something. That's one of the best feelings."

Staff Sgt. Yvonne Nollmann, honor guard assistant NCOIC, echoed the sentiment.

"I just love doing it. I love how it feels when you've finished a detail and you did well," said Nollmann, 52nd CES commander's support staff NCOIC. "You feel a sense of pride."

Dazzling an audience with precise and crisp drill movements seems to be a fulfilling experience for honor guard members but it's not the only reward they enjoy. The honor guard has an established recognition program. Members compete against each other for quarterly and yearly awards, which are now a part of the wing award ceremonies.

The discipline honor guard members display and the contributions they make to the base and community also makes them highly competitive for regular squadron awards and below-the-zone promotions. Additionally, honor guard members are eligible for a decoration at the end of their tour.

"If you do a year - and do a year well - you can walk away with an achievement medal," said Nollmann.

Recognition goes hand-in-hand with honor-guard duty. It's just one aspect that makes the honor guard a gratifying experience for those motivated to look beyond their everyday job and willing to step forward and join an elite group of airmen.

"If you want to go out and do something different, it's definitely the place to be," said Sotak.

(Active-duty members interested in joining the Spangdahlem Honor Guard should contact Sultan at 452-6108.)



# BES spring carnival fun



Three-year-old Aaron Sandifer challenges Nicole Davenport to a balloon-sword dual at the Bitburg Elementary School Spring Carnival May 18. The BES Parent, Teacher Association held the event to raise money for school activities.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey



In his second attempt, preschooler Liam Burgess tries to bowl over the rest of the pins at the spring carnival. Burgess' spare earned him a choice of prizes from a "treasure box."



Bitburg Elementary School kindergartener Nehemiah Hamilton nearly bounces out of the jumping castle before Tom Harper catches him. Children made the most of the opportunity to jump uninhibited for a few minutes in the safety of the castle's soft balloon walls.



Above: Rosellyn Hamilton, Bitburg Elementary School Sure Start Lollipop Tree booth volunteer, helps Allison Colabine, center, and other game participants choose prizes. Left: Keegan Ludwig likes the blue unicorn Bitburg Middle School sixth-grader Mary Higgem, face-painting booth volunteer, painted on her cheek. Throughout the day, booth volunteers decorated more than 200 children's faces.





## Community Mailbox

### Scouting news

Cub Scout day camp takes place Aug. 5-9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Preist sportplatz. Activities include hiking, making crafts and practicing marksmanship. The event is open to boys entering first through fifth grade. Cost is \$50 for registered Scouts and \$58 for non-scouting members. The fee includes a T-shirt and a patch. Registration deadline is July 1.

Activity managers seek camp volunteers 18 years and older. No experience is necessary. In the past, permissive TDY has been approved by unit commanders for active-duty members to participate. Call John or Larisa Kennedy at 06562-931258 for details.

### Free layettes

Spencer's infant and children's clothing company, and Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services offer layettes for babies born after Sept. 11 to deployed military members. Qualifying service members must have deployed to Camp Doha, Kuwait; Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia; to Afghanistan; Uzbekistan; Pakistan; or the Philippines. To request a certificate, call the American Red Cross at 452-9440 or e-mail [theresa.perino@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:theresa.perino@spangdahlem.af.mil).

### Wanted: Western wear

ACT Eifel needs donated or loaned Western-style shirts, skirts, boots and hats for its upcoming production of, "Annie Get Your Gun." Call Harmony Martin at 06562-931689 or Kim Marshall at 06580-913657.

### Family support center news

The following take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 307. Call 452-6422 to register or for more information.

■Pre-separation consultation, Monday from 9-10:30 a.m.



Courtesy photo

### Check this out

**Howie Long, National Football League Hall of Famer, talks with a group of airmen Monday after having his photo taken with the group. Long, a former defensive end for the Oakland Raiders, was showing the group his odd-looking tour bus. Asking if anyone had ever seen the movie, "Stripes," the current NFL studio analyst for FOX NFL Sunday compared his bus to the one used in the movie. This bus, unlike the one in Stripes, he said, wasn't really a secret military weapon, though he thought it could pass for one. Long visited the Bitburg Annex BX, the Spangdahlem Air Base Fitness Center and the fire department during his USO- sponsored trip through Europe.**

■Pre-deployment briefing for active-duty members and spouses, Tuesday from 8-9 a.m.

■Home-buying seminar, Tuesday from 6-8 p.m.

■Key spouse meeting, Wednesday from noon to 1:30 p.m.

■Mutual funds, Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.

The following takes place in Bitburg Annex building 2001. Call 452-9491 to register or for more information.

■Career and personality analysis, Tuesday from 1-3:30 p.m.

### Pet care

The following pet care services take place at the Oberweis Pet Spa. Call 452-9362 for details.

■Walk-in shot clinic, June 1 noon to 4 p.m.

■Grooming special, spaniel shaves cost \$30 throughout June.

### Job fair

The family support center sponsors a job fair Wednesday from 2-5 p.m. in the Spang Club. Call 452-9491 for details.

### Life skills news

■A diabetic support group meets Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex hospital conference room. Call Capt. Raul Flores at 452-8225 for more information.

■The Eifel community cancer support group meets June 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mom's Restaurant in Spangdahlem. Call Capt. Michelle Ambrose at 452-8238 to reserve seats or for details.

■Helping Hands, a support group for children with special needs, meets June 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Spangdahlem Air Base youth center. Dinner and childcare is provided. Call 452-8238 for more information.

### Beer stein signing

The Spangdahlem Air Base Main Exchange beer stein signing takes place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 31. Beer steins must be purchased at the store to qualify. Raffles for free gifts also take place throughout the day.

### Red Cross news

The following classes take place in the American Red Cross office in Bitburg Annex building 2001. Call 452-9440 or 452-9241 for more information.

■Babysitter training, June 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Register by Monday. Cost is \$25.

■Two-day "super-sitter" training, June 1 and 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Register by Monday. Cost is \$45.

### Principal's chat

School officials speak about Terra Nova testing scores June 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Spangdahlem Middle School.

### Eifel Wanderers

The walking group meets June 5 at 7 p.m. in Zum Stein Gasthaus in Metterich. People interested in volksmarching information are encouraged to attend. The group's next march takes place June 8-9 in Malberg. Call Theresa Stevens at 06569-963184 for details.

### Education news

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■DANTES External Degree program offers associate's through master's degrees through correspondence learning. Review the DANTES catalog on the program Web site at <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/dl/>.

Call the base education office at 452-6063 or visit the office in Spangdahlem Air Base building 131 for more information.

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## Memorial Day

# Local, Air Force leaders send reminder of sacrifices by those who gave their lives

**By Dr. James G. Roche and  
Gen. John P. Jumper**  
Secretary of the Air Force and  
Air Force chief of staff

The custom of formally honoring  
America's war dead has its roots in the  
tragic losses of the Civil War.  
Originally known as Decoration Day,  
this occasion was a time for families,  
friends and communities to honor the  
service and sacrifice of war veterans by  
decorating their graves.

Known today as Memorial Day, this  
solemn holiday is celebrated at the end  
of May each year by the hanging of  
flags, viewing of parades and wearing of  
red poppies signifying the final resting  
place for our fallen comrades.

From our hallowed Civil War  
battlefields to the distant shores of  
foreign lands, Memorial Day honors  
those who gave the ultimate sacrifice  
in defense of the nation they so loved.  
Moina Michael's poem, "We Shall  
Keep the Faith," reminds us of this  
sacrifice."

*We cherish too, the poppy red  
That grows on the fields where valor  
led,*

*It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies*

Take a moment this Memorial Day  
to reflect on our nation's many blessings  
and the commitment and sacrifice of our  
fellow service members.

**By Gen. Gregory S. Martin**  
U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander

Honoring the men and women of our military who've  
paid the ultimate price for our freedoms is an important  
part of our American heritage. Since the very first  
"Decoration Day" observance in 1868, Americans have  
taken time to pause, remember and give thanks for their  
bravery and sacrifice.

Recent history serves as a solemn reminder of the  
sacrifices made by the brave souls who have given their  
"last full measure of devotion" carrying on our  
military's proud legacy of fighting to preserve freedom  
and the American way of life.

Since Operation Enduring Freedom began in  
October, the world has repeatedly witnessed airmen,  
soldiers, sailors and Marines standing shoulder-to-  
shoulder on Ramstein's flightline, rendering full military  
honors to today's heroes in our war on terrorism as they  
are carried home to loved ones back home.

Among other things, life in Europe draws our  
attention to the fact this distant land is also the sacred  
resting place for thousands of America's war heroes. As  
in past years, our friends and allies will join us on  
Memorial Day as we pay homage to the memory of  
those who made the supreme sacrifice.

If you can, take advantage of the unique opportunity  
to attend one of these ceremonies. You'll be impressed  
by the earnest and sincere expression of appreciation by  
our European hosts.

Regardless of how you choose to spend your  
Memorial Day weekend, please take time to remember  
and pay tribute to those who died in America's wars.  
Thank you for your service, your sacrifices and your  
dedication as you proudly carry their legacy forward.

**By Col. Greg Ihde**  
52nd Fighter Wing commander

With Memorial Day upon us, we  
should pause to remember those who  
have gone before us to ensure our  
freedom.

Today's ceremony at the Airman's  
Memorial gives us just one opportunity  
to pay our respects to those who have  
paid the ultimate sacrifice. Inscribed on  
the wall at the main gate are 30 names of  
members of Team Eifel who gave their  
lives in the line of duty.

As the United States and its allies  
continue their battle against terrorism, it  
is important to remember that  
Spangdahlem Air Base is very much a  
part of that fight, and we are also  
involved in many other operations  
around the world. It's the selfless  
dedication of the members of Team Eifel  
that allows us to contribute our part to  
these vitally important missions.

The surrounding area is steeped in  
military history. There are an abundance  
of opportunities to attend Memorial Day  
ceremonies within a short drive from  
here, so if you are able, please make an  
effort to honor those who have sacrificed  
their all in order that others may live in  
peace. You'll be glad you did.

Whatever you choose to do this  
weekend, I ask that you enjoy  
yourselves, take care of each other and  
be sure to return safely.

## Big picture

# Logistics readiness squadron -- we're here to stay

**By Maj. Inez A. Sookma**  
52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional)

"What does the '(P)' stand for?" That's the most frequently asked  
question I've received over the past nine months about the 52nd  
Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional). Well, now you know what  
the (P) stands for -- a test.

We stood up U.S. Air Force's in Europe's sole test squadron Aug. 24,  
2001, to merge logistics plans, supply and transportation into one  
cohesive team. Our goal was to make the test merger transparent to our  
customers. And we did it without any radical process changes.

We're still doing the same jobs we've always done -- refueling  
aircraft; running the wing mobility machine; peacetime, training and  
wartime; scheduling inbound and outbound household goods deliveries;  
driving the shuttle buses; delivering parts; and issuing chemical gear --  
none of that has changed.

One major benefit of the new squadron structure is that it facilitates  
"one-stop shopping" for events such as deployments and crisis response  
by streamlining the coordination and communication processes involved.

Has it been successful? You bet! About two weeks after the 52nd  
LRS(P) was formed, we faced our first true test when Sept. 11 terrorist  
attacks occurred.

Our outstanding professionals responded in full force: We moved  
more than 300 concrete barriers into position; increased two shuttle bus  
systems into eight; issued individual protective equipment; ran four  
different control centers under 24-hour ops; and ultimately, successfully  
deployed and redeployed personnel and equipment in support of  
Operation Enduring Freedom.

Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, announced that the LRS  
is official and wings across the Air Force will merge logistics plans,  
supply and transportation into logistics readiness squadrons during the  
next fiscal year. The test is over and we're already ahead of the game at  
the 52nd Fighter Wing. Logistics plans, supply and transportation are not  
dead - they're still here functionally. But just with a new name, "LRS" -  
and we're dropping the "(P)." Our squadron motto is, "Always Ready!" -  
- and we are!



## Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. More movie information is available at [www.aafes.com/europe/eur-mov/snop.htm](http://www.aafes.com/europe/eur-mov/snop.htm).

### Bitburg Castle

#### Today

##### *High Crimes (PG-13)*

Starring Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman. A Harvard Law School professor is forced to defend her husband in military court after the Army declares him a deserter and charges him with participating in a mass killing in El Salvador. (Violence, sexual content and language.)

#### Saturday

##### *Return to Neverland (G)*

Animated voices of Corey Burton and Jeff Bennett. World War II is raging and has come to the heart of London. Wendy tries to comfort her young ones with stories of her experiences in Neverland although her daughter Jane remains a disbeliever. However, Captain Hook in his flying ship kidnaps Jane from their London home and whisks off to Neverland. Hook plans to use Jane as bait to capture Peter Pan. But Peter rescues Jane from the villain's clutches and a rollicking adventure is underway.

#### Sunday

##### *High Crimes*

### Closed Monday and Tuesday

#### Wednesday

##### *Crossroads (PG-13)*

Starring Britney Spears and Anson Mount. Lucy, Kit and Mimi, after eight years apart, rediscover their friendship on a cross-country trip. With barely a plan, practically no money put plenty of dreams, the girls catch a lift with Mimi's handsome and mysterious friend Ben in his 1973 Buick convertible. Along the way they not only gather experiences that will change their lives forever, but they also discover how important it is to hold on to their heart's desires. (Sexual content and teen drinking.)

#### Thursday

##### *The Time Machine (PG-13)*

Starring Guy Pearce. Alexander Hartdegen invents a time machine in the late 1800s that takes him 800,000 years into the future. There he discovers that mankind has evolved into two races: the Eloi and the Morlocks. (Intense sequences of action violence.)

### Spangdahlem Skyline

#### Today

##### *Birthday Girl (R)*

Starring Nicole Kidman and Ben Chaplin. In Birthday Girl, a mail-order (e-mail, that is) Russian bride's marriage to an English banker has been arranged over the Internet. As it turns out, the arrangement is not as innocent and anonymous as it seems, and upon the bride's arrival in England, the banker finds himself in serious danger. (Sexuality and language.)

##### *Changing Lanes (R, 10 p.m.)*

Starring Ben Affleck and Samuel L. Jackson. An arrogant lawyer and a down-and-out businessman become involved in a minor traffic accident in Manhattan. As a result, the two men accidentally swap briefcases, the contents of which cause a heated battle with legal as well as financial repercussions. (Language.)

#### Saturday

##### *Changing Lanes*

##### *We Were Soldiers (R, 10 p.m.)*

Starring Mel Gibson and Greg Kinnear. Based on the true story of Lt. Col. Hal Moore, who led 400 American soldiers into the first bloody battle of the Vietnam War. (Sustained sequences of graphic war violence and for language.)

#### Sunday

##### *The Time Machine*

#### Monday

##### *Birthday Girl*

#### Tuesday

##### *Changing Lanes*

### Closed Wednesday and Thursday

# Happy Mosel -- make way for bikers

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The Mosel valley as the Eldorado for bicyclers? This dream becomes reality Sunday, when roads between Cochem and Schweich belong to pedalers only.

German officials explain that the 140-kilometer stretch will be closed off from traffic for about 10 hours, turning this area into a recreational center.

According to organizers, between 120,000 and 140,000 people are expected to participate in this 10th annual multicultural sporting event.

Dubbed "Happy Mosel," it is the largest event of its kind on the Mosel and the longest organized bicycle route in Europe.

More than 50 villages along the Mosel Wine Street will provide a variety of entertainment such as bands; folk dancing performances; children's entertainment; farmer's, antique and handicraft markets; bicycle tournaments; open wine cellars; and more. Anybody is eligible to join in the fun and either bike or walk from town to town.

Original food specialties of the Mosel region as well as homemade goodies, wine and champagne can be found on patios, at various stands, gasthauses and at wine cellars. Happy Mosel sporting events include demonstrations and performances by world-famous athletes in soccer, volleyball, tennis and shooting.

Children can enjoy different games, pony rides, face painting, puppet theater performances and more.

Bikers can enjoy the entertainment and food offered by German club members along the way. Some German stores in the Mosel towns will be open Sunday.



Iris Reiff

**Happy Mosel organizers expect between 120,000-140,000 people to pedal their way down the Mosel from Schweich to Cochem Sunday.**

A new addition to the event this year is a former Post Office ship, called Telegraaf IV, which can be found in the Mosel village of Poelich.

Additional trains will be running throughout the day because of anticipated crowding. Special bus service by the Rhein-Mosel-Verkehrsgesellschaft RMV will run between Mosel villages.

People are encouraged not to use their own cars, but use public transportation, if possible. A good start-off point for bicyclers could possibly be in Schweich. However, starting from Lieser, Bernkastel or another Mosel town is just as nice.

For people who intend to take the train

toward Cochem and Koblenz, Wittlich, Speicher or Bitburg-Erdorf are the closest recommended train station to depart from for Spangdahlem people.

Happy Mosel will be a paradise for athletes, volksmarchers, bikers, friends of wine and nature.

People should make sure to bring a camera to get souvenir shot of Happy Mosel, since it is taking place this year for the 10th time.

For more information about Happy Mosel, call the Mosellandtouristik information office in Bernkastel at 06531-19433 or go to [www.happy-mosel.com](http://www.happy-mosel.com). For a train schedule, call 06531-2091 or 06571-8041.

## Sports shorts

### Barons baseball

The Bitburg Barons High School baseball team snuck past Kaiserslautern 5-4 in weekend action. The combination of Andy Flores III and Tyler Romano proved too much for Kaiserslautern. Romano pitched a great game for the Barons, according to the coach, striking out nine batters.

Clutch hits down the stretch by Flores, Romano and Scott Smith were key to the victory. At the top of the seventh inning, Flores challenged a great throw from right field to score the winning run for the Barons while Romano struck out the last batter at the bottom of the seventh-inning to shut down Kaiserslautern.

Also contributing to the win was Ryan Warner's two stolen bases and defensive plays by Cevin Cox and Rob Gibson. The Barons next home game is Tuesday at 6 p.m. in a rematch against Kaiserslautern.

### Varsity softball

Weekend action in mens' varsity softball pitted rivals Spangdahlem and Ramstein. Spang lost the first game 31-23, but pounded Ramstein in the second part of the double-header 26-6.

Josh Williams went seven for seven at bat; Lloyd Oxford hit seven of eight with five runs-batted in; while Chuck Nimmo went seven for nine, with two home runs and six RBIs.

The team hosted Kaiserslautern Sunday, winning 28-25 in game one and 21-6 in game two. Nimmo went nine for 10, with five HRs and 14 RBIs. Kent Magilligan also went nine for 10, with four doubles, one HR and four RBIs. Oxford went eight for 10, with two HRs.

So far this season, the men's team is 9-2. They travel to Kaiserslautern this weekend to play in the Memorial Day Yard Buster

Softball Tournament where 14 of the top Air Force and Army teams in Europe will be competing. For more information about this weekend's games, call coach Brian Doyle at 452-6030.

### Barons track

The Bitburg Barons competed in the Division II high school track and field championships last weekend in Lorrach, Germany. The event was hosted by Black Forest Academy. Both the Bitburg girls and boys team placed fifth in team scoring.

#### Individual girl's placings:

Sarah Jenkins, fifth place (100 meters), fourth place (200 meters).

Sade Graves, sixth place (100 meters), fifth place (200 meters).

Jamie Romero, fourth place (400 meters).

Amber Caitlin, sixth place (100- and 300-meter hurdles).

Denishia Roberson, fifth place (shot put).

Bitburg girls, second place (400-meter relay), fourth place (1,600-meter relay), second place (sprint medley relay).

#### Individual boy's placings:

Ryan Thomas, third place (100 and 200 meter), fourth place (triple jump).

Ernest Burr, fourth place (400 meter).

Mike Bongiorno, second place (100-meter hurdles), third place (300-meter hurdles).

J.P. Archembeault, fourth place (high jump).

Bitburg boys, sixth place (1,600-meter relay), fifth place (3,200-meter relay and sprint medley relay).